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ABSTRACT

Four guides and 10 national and institutional listings of bibliographic sources for locating theses and dissertations are described for the user of the McGill Libraries. Annotated listings cover national and institutional bibliographic sources in Canada, as well as national sources in the United States, Australia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, India, Soviet Union, Sweden, and Switzerland. Information for obtaining copies of dissertations is provided. (CMV)

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THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC SOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE MCGILL LIBRARIES

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IDENTIFICATION

Only a small number of theses are eventually published commercially as books, or, so far as the humanities and social sciences are concerned, in abbreviated form as journal articles. Due to its "unpublished" nature, thesis literature is rarely covered adequately in most bibliographies. It is usually essential to employ the special bibliographic tools which provide access to thesis literature.

Probably it is best to start the search for thesis literature by using the specialized subject bibliographies for the field of study as well as lists of theses recently completed and/or in progress published in scholarly journals. Citations for these sources are provided in the student guides for various fields of study produced by this department. Further sources may be located from the titles listed in the Guides section of this bibliography.

The next step is to check the national, international and institutional thesis listings available. This annotated bibliography has been prepared to guide researchers to the most comprehensive and well-indexed listings available in the McGill Libraries and to explain how the theses, once identified, may be obtained.

AVAILABILITY

The McLennan Library obtained the theses of many major United States universities through exchange programmes and by purchase between ca 1900 and 1950. These are identified in the McGill Union Catalogue by author as well as by the appropriate series, e.g. Princeton University Theses. Presently the occasional noteworthy theses is purchased for the system collections. It is therefore always worthwhile to check the MUC before attempting to borrow a theses on interlibrary loan or purchasing a copy.

Canada - Doctoral and Masters

A number of Canadian universities have been sending doctoral and masters theses to the National Library for microfilming since 1966 and these are listed in Canadiana (Z1365 .C23 Ref.). Copies of these theses may be borrowed or purchased from the National Library. Theses not available from the National Library may usually be borrowed or purchased from the university where the thesis was submitted.

United States

Doctoral

Many American, as well as a growing number of Canadian and non-North American universities make their doctoral dissertations available through Xerox University Microfilms in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Order numbers for microfilm and Xerox copies of these dissertations are listed in Dissertations Abstracts International and its Comprehensive Dissertation Index (Z5055 .U5A53 Ref. Index Stands). Currently (February, 1979) the cost of a Xerox copy is $16.50; cost of a microfilm copy is $8.25. Orders are personal transactions between the reader and Xerox University Microfilms although order forms are available in the reference area. Dissertations from all U.S. universities, including some not in D.A.I., especially Harvard, MIT, and Chicago, are also listed in American Doctoral Dissertations (Z5055 .U5A53 Ref. Index Stands), a comprehensive checklist of dissertations completed in

the cooperating institutions for a given year. Lending policies of contributing institutions are mentioned in the front of A.D.D.

Masters

A few American universities send some of their masters theses to Xerox University Microfilms and these are listed in Masters Abstracts (Z5055 .U39x Ref.). However, to obtain copies of most masters theses, it is necessary to contact the university where the thesis was completed.

Foreign

Foreign doctoral dissertations are available on interlibrary loan from the Center for Research Libraries. If the Center cannot supply a copy from its present collection it will order a copy for the use of the requestor. In the case of modern British dissertations this can take several months as copyright must be obtained from the author. Dissertations in the U.S.S.R. are universally restricted from all copying, but the "original" aspect of the author's work is required by law to be published six months before its defence and can ordinarily be identified as a journal article or monographs. Canadian and United States dissertations are not available from the Center Research Libraries. Request foreign theses at the Interlibrary Loans Office.

If you have any questions about materials listed in this bibliography or require further assistance in locating materials for your research consult a reference librarian for guidance.

This bibliography was compiled by Suzy M. Slavin, Reference Department, McLennan Library.

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I. GUIDES

Z1002 B595 Ref.Index Stands — Bibliographic Index; a Cumulative Bibliography of Bibliographies. v.1, 1937/42- New York.

Lib. has: v.1, 1937/42-

Under the heading DISSERTATIONS, ACADEMIC lists bibliographies published separately as well as those appearing in books or articles. Emphasis is on American material, but some foreign works are also included. Provides current information on serial bibliographies in specialized subject areas, e.g. in Labor History.

Z5053 R49 Ref. — Reynolds, Michael M. A Guide to Theses and Dissertations; an Annotated Bibliography of Bibliographies. Detroit, Gale Research, 1975.

A guide to individual and serial listings of master's theses and doctoral dissertations published to 1974. Cites national lists followed by detailed subject arrangement. Annotations are brief but descriptive.

Z1035.1 S43 1976 Ref. — Sheehy, Eugene Paul. Guide to Reference Books. 9th ed., Chicago, American Library Assoc., 1976.

An annotated listing of national and international bibliographies of dissertations, arranged by country, may be found under the heading GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS - DISSERTATION , pp.203-208. Bibliographies by subject can be found by using the index under the heading DISSERTATIONS.

Z5053 C2N32 Ref. — Theses in Canada. Thèses au Canada. Ottawa, National Library of Canada, 1978.

Provides further sources of information on theses completed and in progress in Canada. Subject arrangement.

II. NATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL LISTINGS

A. CANADA

1. National

Z5055 C20883 Ref.Index Stands — Canadian Theses. Thèses canadiennes. 1947- Ottawa.

Lib. has: 1947-

Cumulation covers 1947-1960, then appears annually since 1960-61. Arranged by subject with author index and includes both masters and doctoral theses. Gives the widest coverage of all Canadian theses tools, but there is a publication time lag of several years.

Z1365 C23 Ref. — Canadiana. 1950/51- Ottawa.

Lib. has: 1950/51-

For current coverage of Canadian theses. A monthly list with annual cumulations includes theses sent by Canadian universities to the National Library for microfilming. Includes doctoral theses from most Canadian universities, but a much smaller selection of masters theses. Coverage begins in 1966, although a few theses written earlier are included in 1966. Since 1968, theses are listed in their own section by subject and in the index by author.

Z5055 C2088 Ref.Index Stands — Humanities Research Council of Canada. Canadian Graduate Theses in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 1921-46. Ottawa, Printer to the King, 1951.

Subject and author approaches to 3043 theses from twenty Canadian universities. Many theses have short annotations.

Z5055 U5A53 Ref.Index Stands — Comprehensive Dissertation Index, 1861-1972. Ann Arbor, Mich., Xerox University Microfilms, 1973. 37v.

_____. Supplement. 1973- Ann Arbor.

See Section I.B.

I. A. 2. Institutional

Z5055 C3M29x Ref. — McGill University Thesis Directory. Montreal, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, McGill University, distributed by McGill Queens University Press, 1975-1978.

V. 1, 1881 - 1959
V. 2, 1960 - 1973

A computer-produced listing of masters and Ph.D degrees completed at McGill. The main section is chronological with indexes by author and by department (chronologically giving thesis title). An interim version of volume 3, theses completed since 1973 (updated after each convocation), is available for consultation in the Interlibrary Loans office of McLennan Library.

McGill University Theses

Two copies of each McGill thesis are deposited in the McGill, libraries. The archival copy is kept in the Rare books Department, McLennan Library. A second copy is fully catalogued and is kept in the library appropriate to the discipline of the thesis. The Reference Department, McLennan Library, maintains an additional catalogue of "McGill Theses by Subject", which is an arrangement by the department with which the author's thesis director is affiliated. All questions pertaining to theses, expecially recent theses, should be addressed to the reference librarians.

Z5055 C24T65 1968 Ref. — Mills, Judy and Irene Dombra, comps. University of Toronto Doctoral Theses, 1897-1967; a Bibliography. Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1968.

Z5055 C24T65 1977 Ref. — Mills, Judy. University of Toronto Doctoral Theses, 1968-1975; a Bibliography. Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1977.

A departmental listing of author, title and date, with an author index.

Z5055 C24088x Ref. — Ottawa. University. Information Retrieval Center. General Library. Répertoire des thèses presenteés a l'université d'Ottawa dans le domaine des sciences sociales et des humanités. Catalog of Social Sciences and Humanities Theses Presented at the University of Ottawa. Ottawa, Information Retrieval Center, General Library, 1972.

Author and title listings of all theses presented for degrees as of 1971.

Z5055 C24Q4 1941-73 Ref. Québec. Université Laval. Centre de documentation. Répertoire des theses, de l'école des gradués, 1941-1973. Québec, 1973.

Computer printout listing masters and doctoral theses by author, by discipline and chronologically by date of completion.

Z5055 C5S65 Ref. Saskatchewan. University. Postgraduate Theses, 1912-1966. Saskatoon, Univ. of Saskatchewan Library, 1967.

Includes all M.A. and Ph.D theses awarded through Spring Convocation, 1966. Arranged by academic department. Author index.

B. United States

Z5055 U5A53 Index Ref. Index Stands Comprehensive Dissertation Index, 1861-1972. Ann Arbor, Xerox University Microfilms, 1973. 37v.

_____. Supplement. 1973- Ann Arbor.

Lists virtually all Ph.D dissertations accepted for academic degrees (not professional or honourary degrees) granted by educational institutions in the United States. Dissertations from other countries, including 22 Canadian universities are listed only if they appear in Dissertation Abstracts (which began picking up foreign theses in the mid 1960's and now publishes Section C devoted to non-North American theses). Arranged by keyword under broad subject (equivalent to department) and by author. The information sheet posted by CDI should be consulted for details on its use and shortcomings. Serves in part as the index to:

Z5055 U5A3 Ref. Index Stands Dissertation Abstracts International. v.1, 1938- Ann Arbor.

Lib. has: v. 1, 1938-

Doctoral theses from more than 190 institutions arranged by subject including title and abstract of work, order number and frequently the thesis director. A volumes cover social sciences and humanities; B the sciences and engineering; C foreign theses, excluding Canada. Monthly with indexes which cumulate as CDI. Contributing institutions, with dates when coverage began, are listed on the inside cover of earlier volumes. In 1969, a keyword index using title words and up to six other descriptors was added.

Z5055 U5A53 Ref. Index Stands American Doctoral Dissertations. 1957- Ann Arbor.

Lib. has: 1957-

Issued annually, A.D.D. now lists dissertations prepared at approximately 240 North American institutions, including Harvard, Chicago and MIT which are not covered in Dissertation Abstracts International. Publication lags several years.

Z5055 U39x Ref. Masters Abstracts: Abstracts of Selected Masters Theses on Microfilm. v. 1, 1962- Ann Arbor.

Lib. has: v. 4, 1966-

Similar to Dissertations Abstracts, although the abstracts are briefer and coverage is very limited.

C. Australia

Z5055
A698U5
Ref.

Union List of Higher Degree Theses in Australian University Libraries. Cumulative edition to 1965. Hobart, Univ. of Tasmania Library, 1967.

_____. Supplement. 1966- Hobart.

M.A. and Ph.D theses arranged by subject. Indicates university library holding copy as well as statement of loan conditions. Author index and index to subject headings. Supplements to date cover 1966-1968 and 1969-1971.

D. FRANCE

Z5055
F79A6x
1889-1965
Ref.

Association internationale des docteurs (lettres) de l'Université de Paris. Bibliographie analytique des thèses, 1889-1965; annuaire de docteurs (lettres) de l'Université de Paris et des autre universités françaises. Paris, 1967?

A chronological list of French theses presented for the degree of Doctorat d'université. Author index, index of proper names, subject index, and place name index.

Z5055
F78
Ref.

Catalogues des thèses de doctorat soutenues devant les universités françaises. 1884/89- Paris.

Lib. has: 1884/89-

This, the official French list, begins coverage with 1884. Until 1913, arranged by university and then faculty; from 1914, arranged by faculty. Author and subject indexes from 1884/89-1928/29; author index begins again in 1957. Volumes for 1966-1969 were published as Part I, Supplement D of Bibliographie de la France but are shelved in the appropriate chronological order with the ongoing set.

Z5055
F79M8
1969
Ref.

Mourier, Athenais. Notice sur le doctorat ès lettres suivie du catalogue et d'analyze des thèses françaises et latines admises par les facultés des lettres depuis 1810.... [reprint of the 4e ed. Paris, 1880] New York, Burt Franklin, 1969.

Lists the two dissertations, one in French and one in Latin, necessary for this degree. Arranged chronologically, by institution and author.

E. Germany

Z5055
G39B5
Ref.

Jahresverzeichnis der deutschen Hochschulschriften. 1885/86- Leipzig.

Lib. has: 1885/86-1942, 1957, 1958, 1967-

The official German list. Earlier volumes are annual cumulations and subject indexes. Volumes since 1957 are issued in parts with annual indexes.

Cutter ZW K71 McL. Klussman, Rudolph. Systematisches Verzeichnis der Abhandlungen welche in den Schulschriften samtlicher an dem Programmtausche teilnehmenden Lehranstalten sihd. Leipzig, Teubner, 1889-1916.

Covers only from 1876 to 1910. Provides subject, author and place approaches.

F. Great Britain

Z5055 G69A84 Ref. Aslib. Index to Theses Accepted for Higher Degrees in the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland. 1950/51- London.

Classified arrangement with subject and author indexes. Published annually but there is a time lag of several years.

Z5055 G69R47 Ref. Retrospective Index to Theses of Great Britain and Ireland, 1716-1950. Santa Barbara, Calif., ABC-Clio, 1975-1977. 5v.

V.1 Social Sciences and Humanities.
V.2 Applied Sciences and Technology.
v.3 Life Sciences (in progress)
V.4 Physical Sciences.
V.5 Chemical Sciences.

Provides a comprehensive record of British and Irish theses, bachelor's through doctoral, to 1950/51. Subject section and author section in each volume with full information in each: author, title, degree, date and institution. Some duplication of subject coverage in the volumes.

G. India

Z5055 I75x Ref. Doctorates in Social Sciences Awarded by Indian Universities. New Delhi, Indian Council of Social Science Research, 1967-1972. 2v.

Volume 1 covers theses completed up to 1967. Volume 2 covers 1968, 1969, and 1970. Arranged by University then subject field. Author and subject indexes.

Z5055 I57I56 1972 Ref. Inter-university Board of India and Ceylon. A Bibliography of of Doctoral Dissertations accepted by Indian Universities, 1857-1970. New Delhi, 1972-75. 24v.

Each volume covers a separate subject or series of subjects and is arranged by further subdivisions. Author index to each volume.

H. Russia

Z2491 K52 Ref. Knizhnaia Letopis', Dopolnitel nyi vypusk. 1961- Moskva.

Lib. has: 1964-

This monthly supplement to the main Soviet national bibliography began in 1961 (was omitted 1962-63, and resumed in 1964) and lists a number of types of miscellaneous publications including theses. Annual author index.

I. Sweden

Cutter ZWIX T834 McL.

Tuneld, John. Akademiska Avhandlingar Vid Sveriges Universitet och Hogskolor, Lasaren 1910/11-1939/40; Bibliografi. Lund, Ohlsson, 1945.

Arranged by author, with a classified index. Often notes source where thesis, or abstract of it, has appeared.

J. Switzerland

Z5055 S89J2 Ref.

Jahresverzeichnis der schweizerischen Hochschulschriften. Catalogue des écrits academiques suisses. 1909/1910- Basel.

Lib. has: 1967-

An annual list of papers, doctoral dissertations, post-doctoral dissertations and inaugural dissertations presented for degrees in Switzerland. Arranged by university. Indicates copies available for photocopy and exchange and whether published commercially.